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TOPOISOMERASE AND USES THEREOF

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted in connection with the above-identified continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/096,927, filed June 12, 1998.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

**In the Title:**

Please delete "Covalent Joining of DNA Strands to RNA Strands Catalyzed by Vaccinia Topoisomerase", and insert the following title:

-- COVALENT JOINING OF DNA TO RNA BY VACCINIA TOPOISOMERASE  
AND USES THEREOF --.